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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
T. SHIMURA et al
Serial No.: 09/068,253
Filed: June 9, 1998
For: CARTILAGE/BONE...REPARATION

C. Low

Group: 1653

600 Third Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10016
February 26, 2003

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

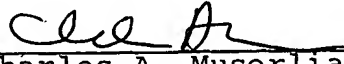
Sir:

Further to the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the period for response to the outstanding office action be extended for three months until

February 27, 2003.

PTO Form-2038 is enclosed herewith authorizing that the appropriate fee be charged to the American Express credit card account # 3727-125685-62029 of the undersigned attorney. Should any further extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account # 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,
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